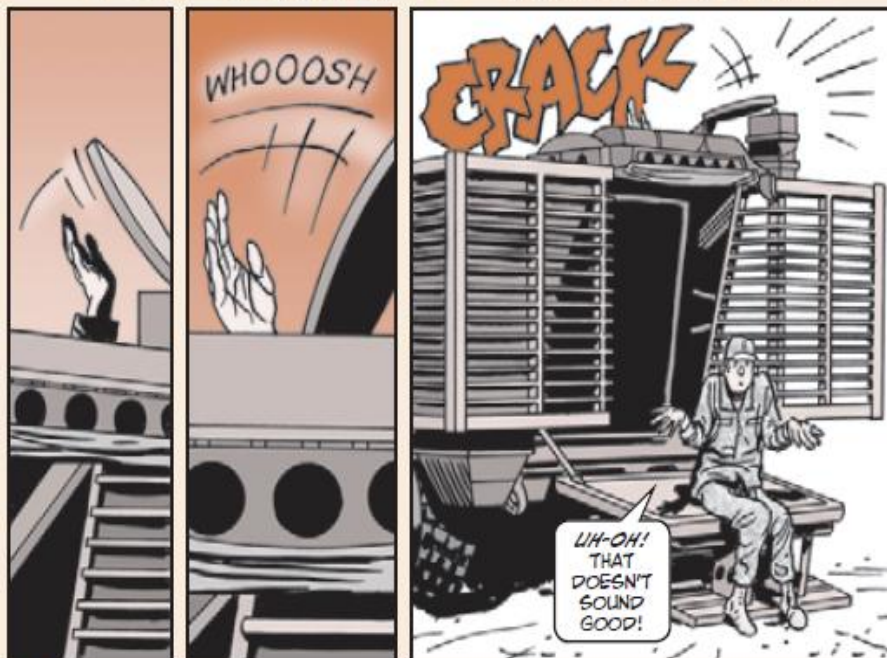
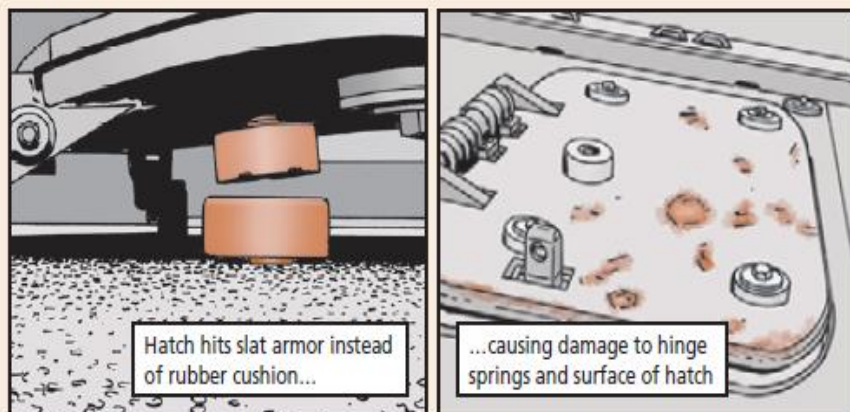


# Put a Halt to Hatch Hits



If you're heavy-handed with the air sentry hatch on your Stryker, damaged hinges could be in your future!

On vehicles with slat armor, the edge of the hatch hits the armor instead of the rubber cushion that's designed to absorb the blow. If you let the hatch fall open, the hit can be violent enough to crack or break the hinge springs on the hatch. Not only is opening and closing the hatch a lot harder, but the hatch surface can be damaged, too.

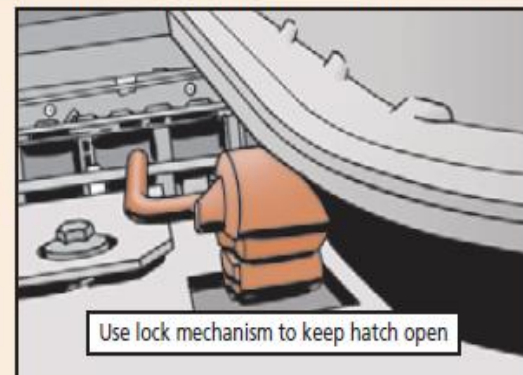


Hatch hits slat armor instead of rubber cushion...

...causing damage to hinge springs and surface of hatch

Hold onto the latch when opening the air sentry hatch. Then gently lower the hatch down against the slat armor.

Once the hatch is open, you want it to stay that way until you're ready to close it. Big bumps on the road or explosions from improvised explosive devices (IEDs) can throw the hatch closed, crushing anyone standing in the hatch opening. Use the lock mechanism to keep the hatch safely open.



Use lock mechanism to keep hatch open